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Vanadium with Antidiabetics for  
Glucose Metabolism Disorders

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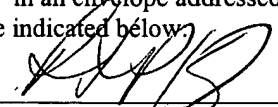
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-96 without prejudice and add new claims 97 - 134:

97. A composition comprising an anti-diabetic agent other than insulin, a bioavailable source of chromium, and a bioavailable source of vanadium, wherein said composition reduces the Hb1Ac levels for a patient by at least about 10% after treatment with said composition as compared to treatment with said anti-diabetic agent alone.

98. The composition of claim 97, wherein said reduction in said Hb1Ac level is at least about 50%.

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